Rama Varmha Tampuran —It is very doubtful because it is a very wide field that the Member has indicated by the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not expected of the Agricultural Inspectors who tour round the country to see whether the ryots are making use of the better methods demonstrated to them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think they are.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are they making visits to these demonstration farms?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are; but it is not possible to get the information from there.

Conversion of Vadakkancheri Dispensary into an Hospital.

318. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations have not been made to convert the Vadakkancheri Dispensary into an Hospital,

(b) what is the number of beds allowed for the present dispensary;

(c) has there not been constant complaints regarding want of accommodation in the dispensary;

(d) what is the number of in-patients admitted during 1108 and 1109;

(e) what is the number refused admission as in-patients during 1108 and 1109;

(f) has Vadakkancheri dispensary been given any allotment from the 3 lakhs sanctioned by His Highness the Maharaja in connection with the last Viceregal Visit?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— (a) Yes.

(b) Eight.

(c) There were representations in the past.

(d) 271 in 1108 and 316 in 1109.

(e) No deserving patient was refused admission in 1108 and 1109.

(f) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government are aware that, in this dispensary, the in-patients are made to lie on the verandah?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— It may be that some times it may not be possible to refuse admission to some people. There are only 8 cots there and when more than 8 patients come in it is quite natural when the condition of the patient is so serious as not to refuse him admission such patients are admitted and made to lie on the verandah.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the Government in a position to say whether there has been a single day when the verandah was unoccupied?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have no information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to increase the number of the beds?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Certainly, when funds permit.

Alteration in the Rules issued under the Kuries Regulation.

319. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the circumstances under which the original rule 21 of the rules framed under the Kuries Regulation came to be altered;

(b) what is the objection to authorise the Superintendent of Registration to compound generally the offences under the Kuries Regulation;

(c) is the Government aware that, as the rules stand at present, the parties are put to much inconvenience as they have to move the Government to authorise the Superintendent to compound every minor offence under the Regulation?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(a) Government considered it desirable that the authority to compound offences under the Kuries Regulation should be subjected to Government sanction.

(b) Please see answer to (a).

(c) No inconvenience to the public has so far been reported.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is there any other departmental head who is authorised to compound offences without Government sanction?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Yes; I understand that the Diwan Peishkar is authorised to compound certain cases and perhaps the Excise Commissioner also.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In those cases is Government sanction necessary?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Not in all cases.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What was the particular occasion for changing the rule in regard to the Superintendent of Registration?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Government has decided these things on their own merits. In this particular case considering all the relevant points, Government thought it would be more advisable to limit the authority of the Superintendent of Registration to compound offences under this Kuri Regulation.

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